

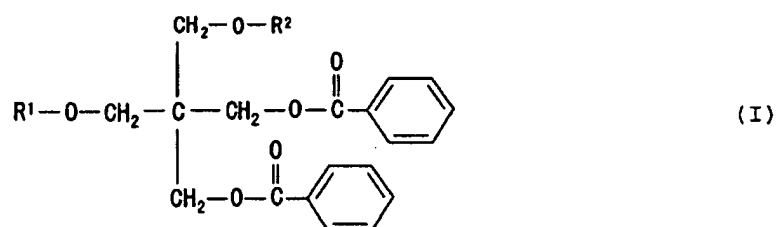
**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~cosmetic~~lipstick composition comprising:

an ester of pentaerythritol and a benzoic acid having the formula (I):

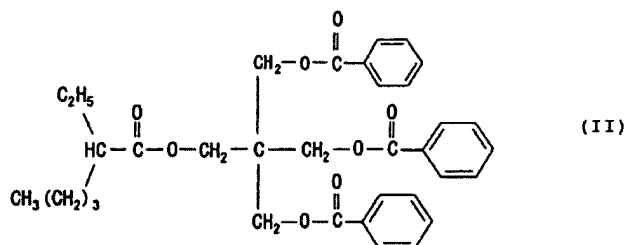


wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a 2-ethylhexanoic acid residue and R<sup>2</sup> is a benzoic acid residue, and

a cosmetically acceptable carrier for lipstick.

2. (Cancelled).
3. (Currently Amended) A ~~cosmetic~~lipstick composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the amount blended of the ester of pentaerythritol and benzoic acid of formula (I) is 5 to 80% by mass.
4. (Cancelled).
5. (Currently Amended) A ~~cosmetic~~lipstick composition of claim 1, wherein the composition improves gloss of lips after application of the composition to the lips.
- 6-7. (Cancelled).
8. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A method for providing gloss on lips and moisture feeling by applying the ~~cosmetic~~lipstick composition according to claim 1 to the lips.

9. (Cancelled).
10. (New) A lipstick composition, comprising:  
a compound according to formula (II)



, and

- a cosmetically acceptable carrier for lipstick.
11. (New) A lipstick composition of claim 10, wherein the amount blended of the ester of pentaerythritol and benzoic acid of formula (I) is 5 to 80% by mass.
12. (New) A lipstick composition of claim 10, wherein the composition improves gloss of lips after application of the composition to the lips.